GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGREEMENT WITH BHUTAN FOR POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Bhutan in power generation in Tala Power project, Bhutan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States likely to be provided electricity from the said power project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan signed on 05.03.1996, provides for construction of a 1020 MW Tala Hydro Power Project in Bhutan with Government of India assistance and the Royal Government of Bhutan agreed to sell surplus power to the Government of India at mutually determined rates.

(c) : Allocation of Tala power is to the States of Eastern Region to improve their Hydro Thermal mix and these States surrender equivalent thermal power (in lieu of allocation of Tala power) to States of Northern Region linked to the commissioning of various units of Tala project. The States likely to be benefited from the project are West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Orissa in the Eastern Region and Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi, U.P. and J&K in the Northern Region.